Service Folder

First Day of Lent

February 14, 2024

THE INTROIT (after the Confession & Absolution)

Psalm 57:1-3

(Antiphon) I will cry out | to God Most _ High, *
To God who performs | all _ things _ for me.
And in the shadow of Your wings I will | make my re--fuge, *
Until these calami- | ties _ have _ passed by.



Be merciful to me, O God, be mer- | ciful to _ me! * For my | soul _ trusts _ in You.



P (Antiphon)

THE GRADUAL & TRACT (after the Second Lesson) Ps. 57:1,3; Ps. 103:10, 79:8-9a

- P Be merciful to me, O God, be mer- | ciful to _ me!
 For my | soul _ trusts _ in You;
 He shall send from heav- | en and save _ me;
 He reproaches the one who would | swal- -low _ me up.
- O Lord, do not deal with us accord- | ing to our _ sins, Nor punish us according to our | in- -i- -quities.
- O Lord, do not remember former iniqui- | ties against _ us! Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, for we have been | brought _ ve- - ry low.
- Help us, O God of | our salva--tion, For the glo- | ry _of _ Your name.

The Litany (in place of the General Prayer)

The congregation responds after each line.

To preserve all pastors and ministers of the

Church in sound doctrine and in holy living:

O Lord: O Christ: Have mercy upon us. O Lord: O Christ: Hear us. Lord God. Father in heaven: Lord God, Son of God, Redeemer of the world: Have mercy upon us. Lord God, Holy Spirit: Be gracious unto us: Spare us, good Lord. Be gracious unto us: Help us, good Lord. From every sin: From every error: From every evil: From the cunning and snares of the devil: From sudden and evil death: From pestilence and famine: Good Lord, deliver us. From war and bloodshed: From rebellion and contention: From lightning and tempest: And from everlasting death: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation: By Your holy nativity: By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation: By Your agony and bloody sweat: By Your cross and Passion: Help us, good Lord. By Your death and burial: By Your holy resurrection and ascension: And by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter: In all time of our tribulation: In all time of our prosperity: Help us, good Lord. In the hour of our death: And at the last judgment: We poor sinners implore You: To hear us, O Lord God, And to rule and govern Your holy Christian Church:

Hear us, good Lord.

To curb all schisms and causes of offense:

To restore the erring and those who are deceived:

To trample Satan under our feet:

To send faithful laborers into Your harvest:

To accompany Your Word with Your Spirit and power:

To raise up those who fall and to strengthen those who stand:

To encourage and help those who are timid and distressed:

To give peace and concord to all rulers:

To prosper our nation in all righteous endeavors:

To direct and defend our president and all in authority:

To bless and keep our magistrates and all our people:

To regard and deliver the afflicted and those who are in danger:

To grant safe delivery to pregnant women and to preserve their children in health:

To strengthen and protect the little children and those who are sick:

To set the captives free:

To defend and provide for all widows and orphans:

To have mercy upon all men:

To forgive and convert our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers:

To give and preserve the fruits of the earth: And graciously to hear our prayers:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God:

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

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O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

O Christ:

O Lord:

O Christ:

All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Hear us, good Lord.

Hear us, good Lord.

Hear us, good Lord.

Have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us.

Grant us Your peace.

Hear us.

Have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us.

HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

HYMN (after the Creed) **HYMN** (after General Prayer)

TLH #318 - Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All TLH #319 - In Thee Alone, O Christ My Lord TLH #321 - O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

TLH #331 - Yea as I Live Jehovah Saith

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle/First Lesson: Isaiah 59:12-21 Gospel: Matthew 6:16-21

Service note: In place of the General Prayer, we will be praying the Litany this evening, printed on the inside of this Service Folder. Note that after each line spoken by the pastor, the congregation responds with the words printed in bold on the right side of the page.